

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7 and 19 remain in this divisional application. An early examination on the merits and allowance of this application is hereby earnestly solicited.

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APPENDIX

(Showing Changes Made to the Specification and Claims)

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first line of Page 1, insert the following paragraph:

--This is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/309,279, filed May 11, 1999, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A planar light emitting device comprising:

a transparent body [made of] having a transparent synthetic resin layer containing no light scattering material;

a semi-transparent body [made of] having a semi-transparent synthetic resin layer containing a light scattering material;

a diffusion layer, [formed between] the transparent body and the semi-transparent body [by joining the transparent body and the semi-transparent body,] being joined to form the diffusion layer therebetween [having a sea-islands structure composed of a sea and a multiplicity of islands of irregular solid shapes provided on the sea in plan view];

at least the transparent body, the semi-transparent body and the diffusion layer defining a planar light emitter; and

a light source disposed at least at one side of the planar light emitter;

wherein the diffusion layer includes a sea-islands structure, the sea-islands structure having a plurality of solid shapes.

Claim 19 is new.